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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Nuclear Decommissioning Regulatory Liability Report for Duke Energy

Carolinas, LLC

**Docket No. 2015-96-E** 

Dear Ms. Boyd:

In accordance Order No. 2015-308 dated May 12, 2015, enclosed is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC") Nuclear Decommissioning Regulatory Liability Report for the period ending December 31, 2017. DEC provides the following data and information:

- Balance in the regulatory liability account at the beginning of the reporting period and at the end of the reporting period.
- Dollar amount collected from South Carolina ratepayers during the reporting period.
- Dollar amount disbursed for environmental remediation related to coal ash for the reporting period on a total system basis.
- Dollar amount disbursed for environmental remediation related to coal ash for the reporting period on a South Carolina retail basis.

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Amount of carrying costs accrued during the reporting period.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Dulin

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Nanette Edwards, Office of Regulatory Staff

Ms. Dawn Hipp, Office of Regulatory Staff

Mr. Jeffrey M. Nelson, Office of Regulatory Staff

Ms. Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Office of Regulatory Staff Mr. Michael Seaman-Huynh, Office of Regulatory Staff

## Duke Energy Carolinas SC Nuclear Decommissioning Regulatory Liability Report December 31, 2017

Pursuant to the Accounting Order under Docket No. 2015-96-E dated April 22, 2015, DEC was granted approval to eliminate the expense provision for nuclear decommissioning cost and to defer the amount collected in current rates in a regulatory liability account for certain environmental remediation costs. Presented below is the following information:

- a. Balance in the regulatory liability account at the beginning of the reporting period and at the end of the reporting period.
- b. Dollar amount collected from South Carolina ratepayers during the reporting period.
- c. Dollar amount disbursed for environmental remediation related to coal ash for the reporting period on a total system basis.
- d. Dollar amount disbursed for environmental remediation related to coal ash for the reporting period on a South Carolina retail basis.
- e. Amount of carrying costs accrued during the reporting period.

Account 0254025 Analysis for the period ending December 31, 2017	
Debit (Credit)	
Beginning Balance Amount collected from SC Ratepayers (Note 2) Reclass of collections against costs per SCPSC Order Ending Balance	- (a) (4,995,000.00) (b) 4,995,000.00 - (a)

2017 Coal Ash Spend and Carrying Costs (Note 1)		
2017 Coal Ash Spend- System	\$ 268,232,052.05 (c)	
2017 Coal Ash Spend- SC Retail	\$ 59,144,161.03 (d)	
2017 Carrying Costs- SC Retail	\$ 8,392,746.00 (e)	
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Note 1: Please note that coal ash spend and carrying costs are being deferred to GL account 0182470, which is different than the nuclear over-collections account used for Responses a and b.

Note 2: SC NDTF over-collections were credited to GL Account 0182470 beginning in Q3 2016.